Setting up of Calcutta High Court Bench at Siliguri

1692. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Bench of Calcutta High Court at Siliguri or somewhere in the North Bengal to cater to the needs of the people of Northern part of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of West Bengal have proposed that a Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court should be established at Jalpaiguri in North Bengal. The High Court is of the view that Parliament may enact legislation conferring power upon the Chief Justice of the High Court to select the venue of the Circuit Bench with the approval of the Governor.

Process for holding assembly elections in Delhi

1693. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government for delimitation of Assembly Constituencies in Delhi for which elections are likely to be held within 8 to 10 months;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the whole process is likely to be completed for holding Assembly elections in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of section 3 of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, the Election Commission is required to delimit the National Capital Territory of Delhi into 70 single Member territorial constituencies. The Election Commission has received the relevant maps and published census data from Registrar General and Census Commissioner on 26th February, 1992. Necessary further action is being taken by the Election Commission. It is, however, not possible to indicate the exact time for completion of whole process.

Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Punjab

1694. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that candidates filing or intending to file nominations in Punjab Lok Sabha and Assembly elections were prevented from doing so; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates were forced to withdraw from the contest;

(c) whether Government staff deputed for election duty there were killed, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps were taken in view of boycott of elections by a section of Government staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS-